

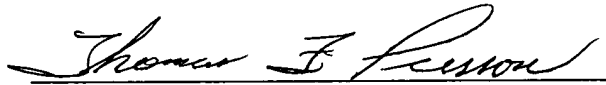
REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, the Examiner noted that claim 9 defines allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 17 and 19 have been amended by adding thereto the allowable subject matter previously recited in claim 9. Accordingly, claims 1, 17 and 19, all of the independent claims, now are in condition for allowance. Consistent with the amendments to the independent claims, claims 5, 6 and 9 are canceled.

Accordingly, claims 1-4, 7-8 and 10-20 remain in this application and are in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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